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# CHAIN REACTION

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP.

## T.A.N.G. A.G.M.

The second TANG AGM was held at the Elephant and Castle, Dawley on Nov. 15. About 30 people were present including members from Broseley and Shifnal Groups.

Secretary Dave Smith reviewed the year's events and looked forward to 1983 when the issues of Cruise and Trident will be looming large in the public's mind. The removal of these weapons would however be only one important stage in the work towards a nuclear free Britain and world. Finances were in a healthier state than last year, with a balance of £39, compared to debts of £400 last year.

The new groups in Broseley and Shifnal reported on their progress. Shifnal hoped to create a Street Theatre group and Broseley were hoping to leaflet their area - a youth CND group was also possible. The Wellington group had not yet got off the ground - it is hoped to remedy this soon.

The relationship between TANG and local groups: TANG would be the co-ordinating committee, which would meet once a month - plans would be agreed here, but each group would remain independent. TANG would remain as the centre of activities for those not in a local group, and would also produce Chain Reaction. Contributions always welcome!

TANG is against nuclear power, but the other groups are not. Unilateral nuclear disarmament is our common aim. Officers were elected as last year

### Plans and Ideas for 1983.

It was unanimously decided not to take part in any proposed CND 'Ballot for Survival' scheme. A door-door petition was not the way to mobilize local opinion. Instead TANG will organize an information campaign using a variety of methods: posters, street theatre,

public meetings and perhaps video. This should encourage a vote for nuclear disarmament in any General Election. TANG will also interview candidates in depth on nuclear issues (both for local elections and national), and publicize the results. TANG will also attempt to arrange a public debate for Wrekin candidates.

Because the Peace Movement may have to use civil disobedience to oppose the siting of nuclear weapons, we will arrange a Day School on non-violent direct action.

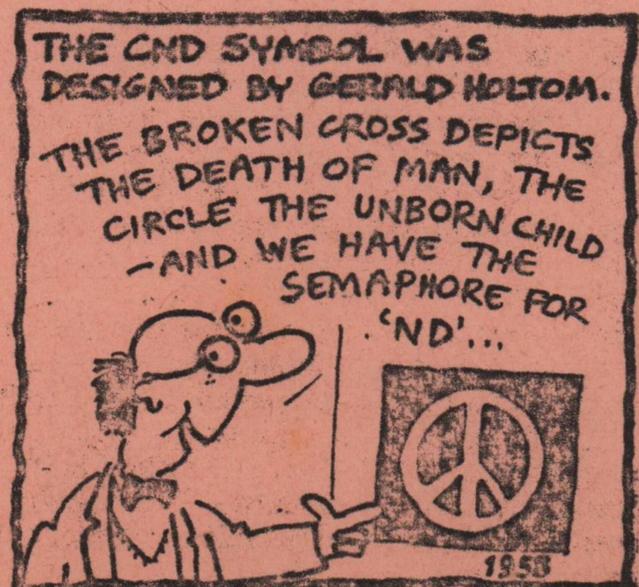
A particular effort should be made to encourage CND activity in Trade Unions and in Schools. Any industrial action against nuclear weapons will involve close links with industrial workers.

Other suggestions include:  
Greater use of media to publicize activities.

Attempt to create better contacts with Wrekin Council and county councillors.

Laying Hiroshima wreaths in August and wreaths on Remembrance Day.

Contact schools to find out about provision for Peace Education.



## TANG on BBC News!

Following a request from Molesworth Peace Camp to help organize a demonstration at Drake Hall Prison on Sunday 21 November, a number of TANG members joined a picket of approx. 80 people outside the prison. The event received good media coverage, including a slot on evening news. Women members of TANG were also able to visit the 'internees' (Britain has no political prisoners!) A Peace camp has been set up outside the prison for the duration of the womens' imprisonment. There will be a regional CND rally there on Sunday November 28th, starting in Eccleshall at 1.30 pm. Be there!

## The mark of civilisation is to live in Peace

### Niet!

### The answer is no!

The new Russian Communist Party leader has been quick to announce that "we are realists, we do not expect the West to disarm unilaterally". This has prompted Robin Day to speculate as to whether this would influence CND's unilateralist position.

No! If we were the fellow travellers that the right wing likes to call us no doubt we might be influenced.

The 'realism' of politicians, whether from West or East is 'the pursuit of power. It is assumed that the proper place to talk about disarmament is at summit conferences where state leaders (whose countries' are busy making more arms) are assumed to talk about getting rid of weapon

systems. Unilateralists do not believe in this 'realism'. We do not consider it realistic to delegate power to professional politicians. We believe that disarmament will only come about when the pressure of ordinary people forces the state and its representatives to disarm, and this must be pursued unilaterally.

In Tang we are all 'realists'. We really don't want to be blown into atomic dust!

## DECEMBER 12th.

### National Demonstration Greenham Common.

TANG will be sending a contingent to the Women's Peace Picket at Greenham Common. The picket hopes to surround the airbase with a human ring. That will be for women only, and only for those prepared to risk arrest. However there will be a larger contingent (not confined to women) who do not wish to risk arrest in a supporting role.

TANG and Bridgnorth CND will be taking a coach. Ring Fiona Otter (Telford 54728) or Hilary Chevall (Bridgnorth 2022) to book.

Cost, waged £3.00  
unwaged £2.50

Coach will pick up at Wellington (The Cock) 8.30., Oakengates (Greyhound) 8.35., Priorslee Roundabout 8.40., Shifnal (Main St.) 8.45., Madeley (Centre) 8.55., Ironbridge (Centre) 9.00., Broseley (Square) 9.05., Bridgnorth (North Gate) 9.25.

## Support the health workers Abandon nuclear weapons

### DATES! DATES!

- 1st December, Wednesday 7.30pm  
at Walker room, College Hill House  
Shropshire Peace Alliance AGM.  
to discuss: County and Group  
response to CND 1983 campaign.  
Communication and structure within  
Alliance. Election of officers to  
West Midlands CND and National  
Council. Exchange information.  
Contact, Alan Day Tel. Bayston  
Hill 2435.
- 4th December Phoenix Christmas Fayre  
TANG will have a stall. We welcome  
any items to sell, incl. cakes.  
Contact, Dave Smith, 23 Telford  
Rd. Dawley.
- 7th December. Showing of The Peace Game  
(Ministry of Defence) at Dawley  
Christian Centre 7.30.
- 9th December " " "
- 12th December. Greenham Common  
Demonstration. (See details)
- 14th December Chain Reaction Production  
meeting, 24 Calcott, Stirchley at  
7.30 pm.